

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 and 4 through 28 are pending, with Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 being independent. Claims 1 and 4 through 21 were allowed. Claims 22 through 28 have been added.

Turning to the newly-presented claims, Applicants respectfully note that Claims 22 through 25 were formulated upon the basis of allowed Claims 11 through 14 but with, among other changes, the "wherein" clause revised to recite that the pattern of the two-dimensional mask has a blue noise characteristic. And Applicants respectfully note that Claims 26 through 28 were formulated upon the basis of allowed Claims 17, 20, and 21 but with, among other changes, the "wherein" clause revised to recite that the pattern of the two-dimensional mask has a blue noise characteristic. Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

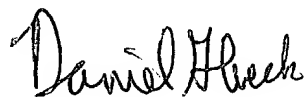
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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